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Gabbs School GEAR UP Abstract 2012-2013

Gabbs School is one of the most isolated schools in Nevada. Gabbs is located approximately 193 miles from Reno and 316 miles from Las Vegas. Gabbs is located in Nye County School District, which has approximately 18,400 square miles geographically and an example of the isolation is that the nearest chain grocery store is 55 miles away in Hawthorne, Nevada. Residents of Gabbs must travel long distances for services that most people go only a few blocks to obtain. The GEAR UP program assists students in connecting with opportunities that they would not have otherwise.

The 2010-2011 data states that the free and reduced school population is at 69.6% while 60.9% of the students that attend the school are White and 30.4% are American Indian/Alaskan Native. Students travel from Yomba to go to school in Gabbs, which is 41.85 miles according to MapQuest.

School improvement efforts include attention to expository text, reading comprehension, vocabulary and writing. In math, measurement, geometry and data analysis are a focus for school staff and students. GEAR UP will support the school improvement efforts including a focus on science, technology, engineering and math.

Even though the GEAR UP cohort is small, the GEAR UP Site Representative will provide the same GEAR UP services as other communities in Nye. Field trips to colleges with a focus on academic success will enable this student to succeed in post-secondary education. Student participation in family literacy nights and the facilitation of projects with parents and other students will also lead to academic success and enhanced leadership skills. Employability skills for career readiness will be addressed as well as college standards and financial aid. Nye County and Esmeralda County will work together to provide college visits to all GEAR UP students sharing the expense of busing and other accommodations.

Exploration of career choices using integrated technology will support STEM programming components as well as reduce isolation. Professional development for school leadership will enhance educational opportunity for all Gabbs students.